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REF: A. OTTAWA 1847 B. STATE 118236, C. STATE 174679

1. DURING CALL ON ROBERT BLACKBURN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EXTAFF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ENERGY DIVISION, EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF STAFF-LEVEL ENERGY MEETING DISCUSSED REFTELS. BLACKBURN INDICATED GOC REMAINS VERY INTERESTED IN HOLDING SUCH A MEETING, BUT NOT UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. BLACKBURN SAW FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. NORTHERN GAS AND OIL PIPELINE OPTIONS, INCLUDING KITIMAT/PRINCE RUPERT AND ALCAN PROPOSALS;

B. JOINT OIL STORAGE IN ABANDONED MINES IN CANADA;

C. OIL SWAP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING USE OF OFFSHORE SOURCES;

D. PIPELINE TREATY;

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E. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS;

F. MULTILATERAL ENERGY QUESTIONS.

2. COMMENT. EMBASSY BELIEVES CANADIANS NOT READY FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF ENERGY ISSUES AT PRESENT. THEY WANT SOME TIME FOR PREPARATION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, APPEAR TO BE LYING LOW FOR THE MOMENT ON WHOLE RANGE OF UNSETTLED QUESTIONS RELATING TO NORTHERN PIPELINES. GIVEN CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES, POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN CABINET THIS SUMMER AND VACATION DOLDRUMS THAT SETTLE OVER OTTAWA IN AUGUST, EMBASSY CONCURS THAT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TIME FRAME WOULD BE BEST FOR MEETING.

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